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- 1. AFGHAN LAW PROVIDES FOR ISSSUANCE OF PASSPORTS OR "PASSES" BY AFGHAN MISSIONS ABROAD; WERE FIROZ TO REQUEST TRAVEL DOCUMENT IN ISLAMABAD, IT LIKELY HE WOULD RECEIVE LATTER, AND THAT ONLY VALID FOR RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN.
- 2. WHILE AFGHAN PASSPORT ISSUING PROCEDURES NOW CONSIDERABLY MORE LIBERAL THAN IN IMMEDIATE PAST (SEE KABUL REFAIR), MANY AFGHANS STILL UNABLE TO OBTAIN PASSPORTS FOR PRIVATE TRAVEL. GOA DISCOURAGES EMIGRATION, AND SUSPICION THAT THAT FIROZ'S AIM PROBABLY SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR PASSPORT DENIAL. LAW PROHIBITS ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO "THOSE ON MILITARY SERVICE LIST" OR INVOLVED IN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LITIGATION, EITHER OF WHICH COULD ALSO BE FIROZ'S CASE. HIS DESIRE TO TAKE CHILDREN TO US DOUBTLESS INCREASES PASSPORT ISSUANCE DIFFICULTIES.
- 3. ENTERING AND LEAVING AFGHANISTAN WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION ILLEGAL (ABEIT COMMON), AND THOSE APPREHENDED LIABLE TO FINE OR IMPRISONMENT. WHILE UNABLE TO GIVE ACCURATE PROGNOSIS AS TO FIROZ'S FATE SHOULD HE RETURN, EMBASSY FEELS IT VERY UNLIKELY HE OR HIS CHILDREN WOULD BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO DEPART AFGHANISTAN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. FYI: AFGHANS WITH AMCIT WIVES DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE MORE DIFFICULTY HTAN OTHER AFGHANS IN OBTAINING PASSPORTS. UNDER AFGHAN LAW A FOREIGN WIFE OBTAINS AFGHAN CITIZENSHIP ON MARRIAGE TO AN AFGHAN MALE. END FYI. ELIOT

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